NEW PARISHIONERS…St. Aloysius extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for prayer, worship, or instruction. If you are new to the area or returning home to the Church, we invite you to register and make St. Aloysius your parish. Registration forms can be obtained at the church, on our website, or by calling the rectory.

FIND A SMALL GROUP… Find Small Group Faith Formation opportunities in our area for both adults and high school teens by visiting www.ConnectStMarys.com.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)...RCIA is the process of welcoming new members to the Catholic Church. It is intended for adults who have never been baptized or for adults who have been baptized Christian and now wish to practice the faith in the Catholic tradition. It is an ongoing process of formation, catechesis and liturgical rites. Anyone interested is asked to call the rectory to discuss the process.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM…Parents are asked to call the parish office to register for the Baptismal Preparation Meeting and for the baptism of their child. Parents are expected to be participating members of the parish.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE…Couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with the pastor six months to one year in advance of their intended wedding date, in order to allow time for marriage preparation. At least one of the engaged should be a registered and practicing member of the parish.

ANointing of the sick…The Sacrament of the Sick is for the spiritual comfort, strength and healing of the ill. If there is a need for the sacrament in your family or household, please contact the rectory as soon as possible.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL… Pre-K-8th Grade. If interested, please contact Mrs. Helen Bowles in the school office Monday through Friday 8:00am - 3:00pm, 301-475-9795 for space availability.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION…Pre-K-8th Grade, 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM, during the school year. To register please contact Leonard Wathen at the Rectory or visit the parish website.

October 27, 2019
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am
Daily: 12:15 pm Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 am Wednesday & Friday
7:30 am Saturday

HOLY DAY MASSES:
As Announced inside the Bulletin.

FIRST FRIDAYS: (September through June) Masses at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 am till 6:45 pm followed by Benediction. Confessions from 6:00 - 6:30 pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Thursday: 11:30 - 12 Noon
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

STAFF
Pastor…………………………………..………Rev. David W. Beaubien, ext. 14
Deacon……………………………………………………Deacon Joseph Vavrus
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper……………………..Denise Becher, ext.10
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Coordinator of Music………………………………Beth Domingue
Maintenance..........................................................Wally Bowles
Principal, Father Andrew White School ..........Heather Francisco
Secretary, FAW School........................................Helen Bowles

RECTORY HOURS:  Monday-Thursday  8 am-4 pm
                               Friday  9 am-3 pm

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**Scripture Corner**

**SIRACH AND HUMILITY**

Today’s first reading is from the book of Sirach (35:12-14, 16-18). This is a wonderful book of Old Testament wisdom. The book has different names. It was often called Ecclesiasticus: Church book. It was used extensively in the early Church as a source of teaching on wisdom, morality, and Old Testament history. It is also known as The Wisdom of Ben Sira, the name of the author, who wrote about the year 180 B.C. Sirach is the Greek form of the author’s name. There is an introduction to the book provided by the author’s grandson who translated the Hebrew text into Greek. Though the Introduction is not considered part of “Biblical” inspiration, it is retained because of its antiquity and historical value.

Sirach provides amazing texts for any Christian reader. He treats of wisdom, of course, but also highlights the great heroes of the Old Testament (chapters 44-50). In between, the author gives great insights into proper morality (chapters 2-43). Here are just a few of those teachings with the chapter number: responsibilities to parents (3), alms for the poor (3), choice of friends (9), free will (15), proper use of the tongue (23), proper attitude toward riches (31), God of justice (35), praise of God the Creator (39), and works of God in nature (42-43).

The teaching on the God of justice (35) helps highlight the teaching of Jesus in today’s parable. Christ teaches the love of God for the humble. The humble tax collector “went home justified.” (Luke 18:14) This reflects the teaching of Sirach: “The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.” (Sirach 35:17) The Pharisee, on the other hand, gives a list of his virtues, thanking God “that I am not like the rest of humanity.” (Luke 18:11) Clearly not all Pharisees were self-righteous, but as a group they became the model of that attitude.

Luke wants his Christian readers to learn the lesson of the parable—the need for humility! The book of Sirach also provides a final insight into our Lord’s teaching: “Nor will it (that is, the prayer of the lowly) withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right.” (Sirach 35:21-22) This is exactly what Jesus said in today’s parable, “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Luke 18:14)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

**Prayer & Worship**

**Mass Intentions this Week**

**Tuesday, October 29:**
12:15 pm  
John Berkman Norris, Jr.

**Wednesday, Oct. 30:**
8:30 am  
Tommy Combs

**Thursday, Oct. 31:**
12:15 pm  
Thomas Connelly

**First Friday, Nov. 1:**
9:00 am  
All Saints  
Pro populo
12:15 pm  
Mary Catherine Mileto
7:00 pm  
Jan Esler

**First Saturday, Nov. 2:**
7:30 am  
All Souls
5:00 pm  
Dan Karlberg (L)

**Sunday, November 3:**
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am  
Emilio Balmaceda
11:00 am  
Pro populo

Please **remember in prayer** the Sick and Homebound in our Community:


**Respect Life**

Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/reasons-against-assisted-suicide.

Some polls indicate that the public is receptive to assisted suicide. But the same polls show that people’s views shift when they learn about its dangers—especially the dangers for those who are poor, elderly, disabled, or without access to good medical care. Consider that, in Oregon and California, some patients’ health insurance offered to pay for assisted suicide, but not treatment. And in states where assisted suicide is legal, often no psychiatric evaluation or treatment is required. Additionally, assisted suicide fosters discrimination by creating two classes of people: those whose suicides we spend millions of dollars to prevent and those whose suicides we assist and treat as a positive good.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Is held on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings** in the Sacred Heart Chapel beginning at 8:00 AM, concluding with Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours at 8:45 AM. All are welcome!
**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

**FELLOWSHIP IN FAITH**
Our small group ministry will be meeting this evening **Sunday, October 27** for the third of a six-week video and discussion series called The 99. We will be meeting in our new hall on from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Many Catholics feel drawn to share their Faith, but are held back by a fear that "they don't know how." The 99 Masterclass is a six-session video & discussion study with accompanying workbook that equips leaders with the tools they need to step into a life of evangelization.

EVEryONE IS WELCOME...including teenagers! Come join your parish family as we grow together in Faith.

**TWO CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY OPPORTUNITIES**
**Box of Joy**
In 2018, Catholics united through the **Box of Joy** ministry to send Christmas gifts to children in developing countries. For many poor children, a **Box of Joy** – filled with toys, clothing, school supplies, a rosary and the Story of Jesus – was the first Christmas gift they ever received. A Knights of Columbus representative will be handing out boxes in the breezeway between the church and the hall after all Masses on October 26th & 27th and November 2nd & 3rd. Boxes need to be turned in during the week of November 3-9. For questions, please contact David Dotson at 301-247-0258. For more information, visit [www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy](http://www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy).

**The Servants of the Lord Food Drive**
Let’s join together in supporting our Religious Missionary Sisters, The Servants of the Lord (SSVM), as we help them stock up for the winter months. We have been blessed with four of our very own SSVM Sisters from St. Mary’s County parishes who are now serving in the missions, monasteries and completing their formation studies locally and around the world. Your generous donations go directly towards helping the Formation Convents in the Maryland/DC area. Grocery bags will be handed out after the Masses next weekend, November 2nd & 3rd. **Bags can be returned prior to all masses on November 9th and 10th or left in the vestibule leading up to the weekend.** We will deliver the donations to each Convent on Sunday, November 10th. Please consider helping to deliver the donations as it is a great joy to visit each Convent and the Sisters. Please contact the Madden family at 207-837-5845 if you would like more info. Thank you for the tremendous generosity you have shown throughout the years for the SSVM Sisters. Be assured of their prayers for you and our St. Aloysius community.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
Weekly Offertory Contributions  
October 19/20

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**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** will be for our Archdiocese Priest Retirement.

**PATRON OF THE WEEK:** Prep & Play Child Care.

If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

**Retired Priests Collection**
The second collection for **November 2 and 3**, is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. Archdiocese of Washington priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ’s mission for decades. Let’s join together to help to provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live in dignity. Please use the envelopes that have been mailed to your homes from the Archdiocese and/or the special collection envelopes that will be placed in the pews for the weekend of November 2 and 3. You can support the Retired Priests Collection online at www.adw.org/rpc. You can also give through your smart phone by texting “Priest” to (301) 231-1816. A text with a link to a secure form will be sent back to you to complete your generous gift for this important collection.

**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Family of Faith:** Our November Family of Faith theme is Conscience, and our November gatherings will be on **November 3 & 17** at 9:15 AM in Father Andrew White School.

**YDisciple:** **Friday nights** from 7:00-8:30pm middle school and high school teens are invited to join us in the Youth Lounge in the parish hall for a video & discussion series that unpacks the mystery of God, from examining the nuts and bolts of how we can know he is real, to understanding the ways he has revealed himself throughout history, using the series **YDisciple - Who is God?** from FORMED.org.

**NET Ministries Retreat:** All 7th to 12th Grade teens are invited to a NET Ministries retreat in our parish Hall on **Friday, November 15**, from 4 to 9 PM. For details and sign up, visit [https://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/net](https://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/net).
Mount 2000: High School teens are invited to Mount 2000, a weekend Eucharistic retreat at Mount St. Mary's University, from February 7 to 9, 2020. For details and to sign up, visit https://www.saintalosiuschurch.org/mount-2000.

Camp Covecrest: Our parish has secured 18 spots to attend Lifeteen's Camp Covecrest from August 3 to August 8, 2020 in Tiger, Georgia! Because a non-refundable $100 deposit is due by October 30 for each of our spots, we need commitments from teens as soon as possible. For details and sign up, visit https://www.saintalosiuschurch.org/camp-covecrest-2020

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Fried Chicken Dinner: Join fellow parishioners at Kevin's Corner Kafe in Leonardtown this Wednesday, October 30th from 4pm until 9pm. For every $9.99 Fried Chicken Meal (4 pieces of fried chicken, french fries and coleslaw), our parish school will profit $2. Please note: This event goes from 4pm - 9pm, but may sell out before then. This offer is for dine in or carry out.

Honoring our Saints: Our parish school will be sponsoring a special All Saints' Day Mass at St. Aloysius Church this Friday, November 1st at 9am. The third grade class will host this Mass as they become greeters, lectors, and cantors. Immediately following the Mass (around 10am), please stop by the St. Aloysius Church Hall to visit our Saints Wax Museum. Third graders will be dressed as saints and will share interesting facts about the saints they represent. We look forward to celebrating All Saints' Day with you!

COMMUNITY

Soil Collection Ceremony – Unearthing the Past

November 1, 4:00pm – Maryland Emancipation Day – Port of Leonardtown Winery. Sponsored by the St. Mary’s County Museum and with the participation of the Archdiocese of Washington and St. Mary’s Ryken H.S., join us in commemorating the county’s only documented lynching victim Benjamin Hance. Follow us on Facebook for updates on this Project: facebook.com/DraydenSchool

Father/Daughter Purity Ball

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is pleased to announce this year’s Annual Father/Daughter Purity Ball on Saturday, November 2, from 5:30 – 9:00pm. Young ladies from all over Southern Maryland are escorted by father's and father-figures to the ball where they experience personal testimonies, dinner and dancing, a rose ceremony, a covenant signing and a photo shoot. This year the Purity Ball will be held at the River's Edge Catering and Conference Center. For more information and to purchase tickets please visit friendsofcarenetsomd.org and click on "Purity Ball" under the events tab.

The 27th International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition, in collaboration with the Marian Fathers, Legion of Mary, Priests for Life and others are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from November 2-10.

The Opening International Day of Prayer will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The day will include speakers, all-day Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at noon, and the three mysteries of the Rosary. Confirmed speakers include Abby Johnson, former director of Planned Parenthood; Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Rwandan healing priest; Fr. Chris Alar, M.I.C., Director of the Association of Marian Helpers and author of the new book, After Suicide: There's Hope for Them and You; Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life of America. Our main celebrant and homilist is Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor of Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Parish in Washington, D.C. He is a popular blogger, speaker and author. For more information, please go to www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY.

Heavenly Morning Prayer Breakfast -- will be held at 8:30 am on Saturday, November 16 at St. Aloysius Parish Hall (Mass at 7:30 am). The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, testimony and closing prayer. We are so blessed to have Rose Folsom who will be sharing with us "How to Harvest the Garden of your Soul!" Visit her websites at: rosefolsom.com and virtueconnection.com.

The cost including breakfast is only $15 if you register by Tuesday, November 12, after that date the cost will be $17. To register, call the Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7139 or stop by Heavenly Presents during store hours Tuesday through Saturday. You can also sign up online at: www.breadofflifecenterforpeace.org. For further information, please contact Frances Taborek at (240) 538-2981, Fran.Taborek@stracongroup.com or Becky Kendall (301) 904-7025, Becky.Kendall@hotmail.com. All are welcome to join us! In addition, to help provide Thanksgiving Dinner for those in need,we will be collecting non-perishable food items or donations for our local St. Vincent de Paul/Helping Hands. Thank you for your support!

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) will be holding the following fundraising event.

Ledos LVRSA Fundraiser

Place: Ledo’s Restaurant in Leonardtown, MD, Time: 4-8pm, Date: Wednesday, November 6th. Please come by for dine-in or carry-out and please let your server/cashier know you are there to support the LVRSA Fundraiser so we can get credit for your support. Thank you so much!